THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI j. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The letter of intent and approvals of foreign collaboration have been given.

Gas based Thermal Plants by NFPC

117. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL; KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NTPC has undertaken to set up- gas based thermal plants in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI).- (a) and (b) The National Thermal power Corporation are implementing three gas-based Combined Cycle power projects at Kawas in Gujart (600 MW), Auraiya in U.P. (600 MW) and Anta in Rajasthan (430 MW), at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,200 crores. The first gas turbine units of the projects are scheduled to be commissioned in 24 months from the dates of placement of orders for main plant and equipment and the remaining units at intervals of two months each thereafter. The first steam turbine units are scheduled for commissioning 36 months after placement of orders and the subsequent units at intervals of four months each there, after.

Pending Power Projects of Punjab

118. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details or the various propsals of Punjab State pending with . the . centre for aug-mentation of power supply in the State; and

(b) what action has been taken in respect of each of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI); (a) The detailg of the power generation schemes of Punjab State pending approval are given in the enclosed statement (See below).

('b) Approval of projects for execution depends upon the comprehensiveness of the project reports, expeditious response of the project authorities to the various com. ments/observations of the Central Electricty Authority/Central Water Commission, availability of requisite clearances/inputs and the rlative priority accorded to the projects by the State Government in terms ot allocation of funds.- The State Government has to obtain the various clearances, reply to the various comments and arrange funds for these projects before . these can be san-tioned.

Statement

Details of power generation schemes of Punjab State pending approval

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)
A.	*Projects awaiting Investment approval of Planning Commission.*	
1	Shahpurkandi HEP	2x47
2	Guru Nanak Dev (Bhatinda) TPS Extn.	2x210
3	Ropar TPS St. III	2x210
4	Mukerian HEP	6x15 + 6x19.5
5	SYL (H).	2x18+2x7